Local History Collection

South Pasadena Public Library

South Pasadena, California

Nellie Keith Archive

Name: Nellie Keith MC0006

Materials: Bound Books and Newspaper Articles

Dates: 1895-1955

Volume: 3.233 cubic feet (1 oversized box, 1 file box)

Donation: N/A

Usage: Unless otherwise stated by SPPL staff, these records

are open for research without restrictions.

Biographical Note

Nellie Keith was the first City Librarian of the South Pasadena Public Library. Keith was hired in October 1895 and retired in 1930 after 35 years of service. By the end of Keith's time as the City Librarian, she had expanded the Library's collection by over three thousand books.

Collection Description

The Nellie Keith Archive is comprised of both items that were collected and scrapbooked by Nellie Keith, contain the manuscript of Nellie Keith, and/or were originally stored with items created and handled by Nellie Keith. The collection contains bound books and newspaper articles. Please see cross-references below for more information on Nellie Keith.

Series and Subseries

I. Bound Books 5 volumes

Two original library accession books containing Nellie Keith's manuscript. Two signed guest books, one containing home addresses of South Pasadena residents. One postcard album originally owned by Nellie Keith. Dated from 1895 to 1955.

II. Newspaper Articles

15 sheets

Newspaper articles highlighting all new additions to the South Pasadena Public Library collection. Dated from 1909 to 1917.

Container List MC0006

I. Bound Books, [1895-1955]

Location	Contents	Dates
MC0006 02	SPPL Accession Book	1895-1901
MC0006 02	SPPL Accession Book	1901-1905
MC0006 01	Public Library Day Signed Guest Book	k 1942
MC0006 01	Signed Guest Book with Addresses	1950-1955
MC0006 01	Postcard Album	n.d.

II. Newspaper Articles, [1909-1917]

Location	Contents	Dates
MC0006 01	New Books in Public Library	1909-1917

Cross-References: Local History Files - Biography A-L - Keith, Nellie;
Nellie Keith Library Book Collection

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